

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 27, 1996

- Present:** G. Valaskakis, Chair; M. Yates; J. Abcarius; J. Appleby; P. Bird; V. Bowker; M. Brian; D. Brown; W. Byers; J. Byrnes; M. Clarke; A. Dhindsa; M. Danis; R. Duranceau; N. Eddy; J. Fiset; C. Fournier; D. Frost; A. Galler; B. Gilsdorf; S. Hoecker-Drysdale; I. Irvine; J. Jans; S. Lee; P. L'Hérault; B. Litner; M. Malik; K. McMurray; R. Moroziuk; J. Moore; R. Pallen; E. Raudsepp; I. Robinson; S. Ruby; D. Salée; D. Sheps; R. Schmid; A. Schwartzman; H. Shulman; M. Singer; R. Swedburg; A. Teffeteller; P. Thornton; J. Woodsworth
- Regrets:** K. Bolh; G. Boutin; L. Copeland; P. Cunningham; S.-J. De Vito; O. de Winter; J. Lightstone; C. Maillé; D. Markiewicz; M. Pruska-Carroll; G. Pyburn; N. Santini; K. Sundwall
- Absent:** A. Ahmad; N. Banga; A. Flynn; F. Lowy; A. Sharma; J. Sullivan
- Guests:** J. Chaikelson; D. Chambers; B. Harris; A.-M. Laurin; K. MacDonald; A. McAusland; M. Peluso; R. Roy; JoAnn Welsh

Documents considered or distributed at the meeting:

Motions on Discontinuation or merger of Programs and Units in the Faculty of Arts and Science:

ASFC 96-3M-E, ASFC 96-5M-A, ASFC 96-5M-B, ASFC 96-5M-C, ASFC 96-5M-D,
ASFC 96-5M-E, ASFC 96-5M-F

Elections/Ratifications: ASFC-5M-G

Notice of Motion: ASFC 96-5M-H

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

ASFC 96-5M-1 It was moved and seconded (Robinson/Fiset) that the agenda be approved with the order of items slightly changed. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 1996

ASFC-96-5M-2 It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Sheps) that the minutes be approved. Carried.

4. Questions and Announcements

- The Dean asked for speaking privileges for Anne Root, Ray Martin, Lynn Prendergast, JoAnn Welsh, Maria Peluso, Bob Roy, Barbara Harris, A. McAusland, J. Chaikelson and D. Chambers.
- In response to the Dean's request, the Budget Manager, B. Harris, gave a brief explanation of the provisional budget of the University. She reported that it was still not clear how much of the FALRIP savings would be allocated to Arts and Science. The Dean stated that 70% of the

- General pessimism was expressed about the downsizing of the Faculty. On this subject the Dean reported that Dr. H. Proppe, at a meeting of Faculty Chairs, had said that the Faculty of Arts and Science, currently 58% of the University, would never be reduced to less than 40%. It would be opportune to raise the issue at SCAPP at its next meeting when the planning documents from the other three Faculties would be discussed.
- S. Hoecker-Drysdale expressed dissatisfaction with the new positioning of the Research Portfolio. She strongly recommended that the Research portfolio be placed at the level of Vice-Rector Academic.
- H. Shulman wondered whether there was a protocol in place for the creation of new programs. His concern centered around programs such as Irish Studies which was supported by funds from that community, and he wanted to be sure that the mounting of such programs had a sound academic base rather than responded to groups that came to the university with money and their own ideas. The Dean suggested that such programs were dealt with by the Curriculum Committee.

5. Reports from Other University Bodies

- Dr. Byers reported on the previous Senate meeting. There was much discussion on the *Indicators* and how they would affect the University budget in future years when they would be relied upon more heavily.
- Dr. T. Arbuckle-Maag reported on the previous Board of Governors meeting. There was much discussion on the re-organization of the senior administration. The Office of Research Services would now report to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and the Library would report to Vice-Rector Academic.

Dr. T. Arbuckle-Maag observed that the Deans of the other three Faculties had been invited to the Board of Governors to give an overview of their own Faculties; however, in the case of Arts and Science, Dean Valaskakis had been invited to speak specifically on the South Africa project. She expressed the hope that the Dean would be invited again to speak at the June meeting of the Board.

6. Approval of Graduation Lists - Spring 1996

This was a closed session.

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7. Motion on Discontinuation or Merger of Programs and Units in the Faculty of Arts and Science

D. Frost withdrew his three amendments (as stated in the Minutes of May 10, 1996, page 5, Item 11) to the above Motion.

Council decided to examine each program discontinuation/merge separately.

The LIBRARY STUDIES resolution: - Document ASFC 96 5M A
(minor changes have been added)

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts and Science began a formal planning process in the Fall of 1993 with the election of four Chairs to a Planning and Priorities Committee chaired by the Dean; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has conducted a review of ten units to date; And

WHEREAS the exercise carried out by the Planning and Priorities Committee has been informed by the document entitled "Setting the Course for Our Future: A discussion Document", a follow-up Academic and Financial Planning Document, a report entitled "Arts and Science 2001 Plus", the on-going Faculty Self-Appraisal process, proposals submitted, as well as a variety of other documents and information; And

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has met thirty-six times between December 21, 1993 and February 26, 1996 in addition to discussions at eight Chairs' meetings, two all-Faculty meetings and a wide range of University committees, including meetings of the Deans, meetings of the Senior Administrators and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee produced and distributed a document entitled "Platform for Development: A Plan of Action 1996-97" on March 1, 1996

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate that the following programs be discontinued:

- B.A. Major in Library Studies
- Certificate in Library Studies

THAT Faculty Council recommend to the Council of the School of Graduate Studies that it recommend to Senate that the Diploma in Library Studies be discontinued; And

THAT Faculty Council inform Senate and to the Board of Governors that an Information Studies program will be proposed using available resources and faculty and housed in the Education Department;

THAT a phasing-out plan appropriate to the needs of the affected students be devised for each program to be discontinued.

ASFC 96-5M-16 It was moved and seconded (Singer/Shulman) that in the penultimate paragraph of the above Resolution, *inform* be exchanged for *recommend* and *proposed* be exchanged for *created*. Carried.

N. Eddy pointed out that in the document ASFC 96-5M-A, *cost/revenue* in the top right-hand box should read *revenue/cost*.

**ASFC 96-5M-17 The Library Studies Resolution ASFC 96-5M-A was moved and seconded (Byers/Schwartzman).
Carried. In favour 32, opposed 0, abstentions 2.**

The THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT Resolution, Document ASFC-5M-B:

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WHEREAS the exercise carried out by the Planning and Priorities Committee has been informed by the document entitled "Setting the Course for Our Future: A discussion Document", a follow-up Academic and Financial Planning Document, a report entitled "Arts and Science 2001 Plus", the on-going Faculty Self-Appraisal process, proposals submitted, as well as a variety of other documents and information; And

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has met thirty-six times between December 21, 1993 and February 26, 1996 in addition to discussions at eight Chairs' meetings, two all-Faculty meetings and a wide range of University committees, including meetings of the Deans, meetings of the Senior Administrators and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee produced and distributed a document entitled "Platform for Development: A Plan of Action 1996-97" on March 1, 1996

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate that the following programs be discontinued:

- B.A. Honours in Theology
- B.A. Specialization in Theology; And

THAT a phasing-out plan appropriate to the needs of the affected students be devised for each program to be discontinued.

**ASFC 96-5M-18 The Theology Department Resolution ASFC 96-5M-B, above, was moved and seconded (Schwartzman/Danis).
Carried unanimously.**

The LEISURE STUDIES Resolution: Document ASFC 96-5M-C:

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts and Science began a formal planning process in the Fall of 1993 with the election of four Chairs to a Planning and Priorities Committee chaired by the Dean; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has conducted a review of ten units to date; And

WHEREAS the exercise carried out by the Planning and Priorities Committee has been informed by the document entitled "Setting the Course for Our Future: A discussion Document", a follow-up Academic and Financial Planning Document, a report entitled "Arts and Science 2001 Plus", the on-going Faculty Self-Appraisal process, proposals submitted, as well as a variety of other documents and information; And

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has met thirty-six times between December 21, 1993 and February 26, 1996 in addition to discussions at eight Chairs' meetings, two all-Faculty meetings and a wide range of University committees, including meetings of the Deans, meetings of the Senior Administrators and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee produced and distributed a document entitled "Platform for Development: A Plan of Action 1996-97" on March 1, 1996

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate and to the Board of Governors that the B.A. Specialization in Leisure Studies, the B.A. Specialization in Therapeutic Recreation, the B.A. Specialization in Recreation, the B.A. Specialization in Recreation and Leisure Studies and the B.A. Major in Leisure Studies be housed in a Department within the Faculty as of December 22nd, 1996. The unit shall inform the Dean and the Faculty Priorities and Planning Committee by December 1, 1996 where it wishes to be housed.

**ASFC 96-5M-19 The Leisure Studies Resolution ASFC 96-5M-C, above, was moved and seconded (Danis/Swedburg).
Carried unanimously.**

The CLASSICS DEPARTMENT Resolution, Document, ASFC 96-5M-D:

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts and Science began a formal planning process in the Fall of 1993 with the election of four Chairs to a Planning and Priorities Committee chaired by the Dean; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has conducted a review of ten units to date; And

WHEREAS the exercise carried out by the Planning and Priorities Committee has been informed by the document entitled "Setting the Course for Our Future: A discussion Document", a follow-up Academic and Financial Planning Document, a report entitled "Arts and Science 2001 Plus", the on-going Faculty Self-Appraisal process, proposals submitted, as well as a variety of other documents and information; And

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has met thirty-six times between December 21, 1993 and February 26, 1996 in addition to discussions at eight Chairs' meetings, two all-Faculty meetings and a wide range of University committees, including meetings of the Deans, meetings of the Senior Administrators and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee produced and distributed a document entitled "Platform for Development: A Plan of Action 1996-97" on March 1, 1996

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate and to the Board of Governors that the Classics Department be discontinued and the B.A. Honours in Classical Philology, the B.A. Major in Classical Philology, the B.A. Minor in Classical Philology, the B.A. Major in Latin and Classical Studies, the B.A. Honours in Classical Studies, the B.A. Specialization in Classical Studies, the B.A. Major in Classical Studies, the B.A. Minor in Classical Studies and the B.A. Minor in Classical Archaeology be moved to the Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics which will be renamed.

**ASFC 96-5M-20 The Classics Department Resolution ASFC 96-5M-D, above, was moved and seconded (Schwartzman/Brown). Carried.
In favour 28, opposed 1, abstentions 5.**

The SCIENCE AND HUMAN AFFAIRS PROGRAM Resolution, Document ASFC 96-5M-E:

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts and Science began a formal planning process in the Fall of 1993 with the election of four Chairs to a Planning and Priorities Committee chaired by the Dean; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has conducted a review of ten units to date; And

WHEREAS the exercise carried out by the Planning and Priorities Committee has been informed by the document entitled "Setting the Course for Our Future: A discussion Document", a follow-up Academic and Financial Planning Document, a report entitled "Arts and Science 2001 Plus", the on-going Faculty Self-Appraisal process, proposals submitted, as well as a variety of other documents and information; And

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has met thirty-six times between December 21, 1993 and February 26, 1996 in addition to discussions at eight Chairs' meetings, two all-Faculty meetings and a wide range of University committees, including meetings of the Deans, meetings of the Senior Administrators and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee produced and distributed a document entitled "Platform for Development: A Plan of Action 1996-97" on March 1, 1996

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate that the following program be discontinued:

- B.A. Specialization in Science and Human Affairs; And

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate that the B.A. Major in Science and Human Affairs Program and the B.A. Minor in Science and Human Affairs be moved from the Geography Department to the Department of Philosophy; And

THAT a phasing-out plan appropriate to the needs of the affected students be devised for the program to be discontinued.

ASFC 96-5M-21 The Science and Human Affairs Program, Resolution ASFC 96-5M-E, above, was moved and seconded (Woodsworth/Byers). Carried. In favour 31, opposed 0, abstentions 1.

The GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT Resolution, Document ASFC 96-5M-F:

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts and Science began a formal planning process in the Fall of 1993 with the election of four Chairs to a Planning and Priorities Committee chaired by the Dean; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has conducted a review of ten units to date; And

WHEREAS the exercise carried out by the Planning and Priorities Committee has been informed by the document entitled "Setting the Course for Our Future: A discussion Document", a follow-up Academic and Financial Planning Document, a report entitled "Arts and Science 2001 Plus", the on-going Faculty Self-Appraisal process, proposals submitted, as well as a variety of other documents and information; And

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee has met thirty-six times between December 21, 1993 and February 26, 1996 in addition to discussions at eight Chairs' meetings, two all-Faculty meetings and a wide range of University committees, including meetings of the Deans, meetings of the Senior Administrators and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities; And WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee produced and distributed a document entitled "Platform for Development: A Plan of Action 1996-97" on March 1, 1996

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate that the following programs be discontinued:

- B.Sc. Honours in Geology
- B.Sc. Specialization in Geology
- B.Sc. Specialization in Geology - Chemistry

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate and to the Board of Governors that the Geology Department be discontinued as of December 22nd, 1996 and that the B.Sc. Major in Geology, the B.A. Minor in Geology, the B.Sc. Specialization in Geology-Ecology, the B.Sc. Specialization in Geology-Physics, B.Sc. Specialization in Resource Analysis and Land Use be moved to another Department within the Faculty. The Department will have until December 1, 1996 to inform the Dean and the Faculty Priorities and Planning Committee where they wish their programs to be housed; And

THAT Faculty Council recommend to Senate that the Geology programs continue in respect to this motion, provided no additional resources are required to responsibly operate them and that, concerning the Geology-Ecology Specialization, an appropriate agreement can be made with the Department of Biology regarding joint programs by the aforementioned December 1, 1996 deadline; and

THAT a phasing-out plan appropriate to the needs of the affected students be devised for each program to be discontinued.

**ASFC 96-5M-22 The Geology Department Resolution ASFC 96-5M-F, above, was moved and seconded (Raudsepp/Danis).
Carried. In favour 26, opposed 1, abstentions 7.**

The Dean thanked the Priorities and Planning Committee for the work involved in presenting the Resolutions.

**ASFC 96-5M-23 It was moved and seconded (Singer/Byers) that if any minor programs have not been listed but in fact exist that they be moved with the relevant program.
Carried unanimously.**

- ASFC 96-5M-24** The following Resolution was moved and seconded (Peluso/Danis): Be it resolved that the creation, merger and consolidation of all programs or Departments in the Faculty of Arts and Science continue to be treated as separate units for the purposes of implementing the CUPFA Collective Agreement until such time as the new collective agreement is negotiated.
Carried. In favour 23, opposed 0, abstentions 7.

8. Elections and Ratifications

Arts and Science Faculty Panel

Dr. R. Tremblay (POLI) elected (2-year term) by ballot.

University Senate

Dr. Rosemary Hale (RELI) and Dr. Bill Gilsdorf (COMS) elected (1-year) by ballot.

9. Notices of Motion

The following Motion was moved and seconded (Teffeteller/Eddy):

- ASFC 96-5M-25** Be it resolved that: a Task Force be established chaired by the Vice-Dean Administrative Affairs to review the composition, mandate and procedures of all Faculty Council sub-committees, particularly the Student Request Committee, the Honours Committee and the Curriculum Committee, with a view to increasing the efficiency of various processes within the Faculty and returning primary responsibility in matters concerning students and curriculum to its proper place in the Departments. The members of the Task Force will be appointed by the Steering Committee of Council and the Committee will be asked to submit its report to Council by the October meeting.
Carried. The Motion was approved in principle only.

(After discussion it was decided that should Council not meet within the next two weeks, the Dean would appoint a task force instead.)

14. Adjournment

As this was the last Council meeting for the year, the Dean expressed appreciation to Dr. Pallen and Dr. Moroziuk and others for their contributions to Council over the years. K. McMurray was also thanked for his faithful attendance and participation over the past four years.

- ASFC-96-5M-26** It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Eddy) that the meeting adjourn at 12:35 p.m.